UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of New York

)	Case No CV 93 75 (to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)
Paula Collins	
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COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

(Non-Prisoner Complaint)

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II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, you may sue state or local officials for the "deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws]." Under Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), you may sue federal officials for the violation of certain constitutional rights.

- A. Are you bringing suit against (check all that apply):
 - Federal officials (a Bivens claim)
 - State or local officials (a § 1983 claim)
- B. Section 1983 allows claims alleging the "deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws]." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, what federal constitutional or statutory right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by state or local officials?

Plaintiff brings this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 because Defendants' actions, separately and in combination through the Electoral College process, place imminent risk of violation of personal rights of 14th Amendment Equal Protection as a class of one, rights under the Privileges and Immunities clause of the 14th Amendment, Due Process rights under the 5th Amendment, and personal rights under the Civil Rights Act, Title II, Section 201(a). Defendants include Secretaries of State and other state election officials throughout the 50 states.

- C. Plaintiffs suing under *Bivens* may only recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you are suing under *Bivens*, what constitutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal officials?
 - a1) Plaintiff's Equal Protection rights are at risk of violation as a result of Defendants' imminent plans for actions in the 2016 Presidential election;
 - 2) After the meeting of the Electors in the several states which is scheduled to occur on or about December 19, 2016, Plaintiff's individual vote will have been abridged to the extent that it is discarded from the federal election process, thus violating her right to vote under the Civil Rights Act, and rights of Equal Protection under the 14th Amendment, rights of Due Process under the 5th Amendment, and rights under the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the 14th Amendment;
 - 3) The Electoral College process is a federal process, with oversight by the National Archivist and representatives of the Office of the Federal Register. This is a Bivens claim because it deals with federal officials.
- Section 1983 allows defendants to be found liable only when they have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia."
 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, explain how each defendant acted under color of state or local law. If you are suing under *Bivens*, explain how each defendant acted under color of federal law. Attach additional pages if needed.

Under color of law, acting under local election laws in the fifty states, and actuing under the 12th Amendment of the US Constitution, the Defendant Secretaries of State and other state election officials will certify the Electoral College vote on December 19, 2016. Electors' votes are decided by a process of local voting rules, local voting districts, partisan rules, and a series of mathematical formulas that have widely disparate connections to the official census. As a class of one, Plaintiff's rights will receive treatment that differs from the treatment of other similarly situated voters when the state Electoral votes are certified and presented to federal officials.

Plaintiff's is a registered voter in the State of New York. Acting under color of law, the Electoral College will negate the value of that vote, and abridge the vote, rather than aggregating it with other voters from other states. On or about December 19, 2016, and continuing until on or about December 28, 2016, the Secretaries of States from each of the 50 states, acting under color of state and federal law, will forward their Electoral College votes to the National Archivist and the Office of Federal Register. Defendants' actions, separately and in combination with the process of the Electoral College, pose imminent threat of violation to Plaintiff's equal protection rights under the 5th Amendment, the 14th Amendment, and the Civil Rights Act.

III. Statement of Claim

State as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

- A. Where did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?
 - 1) The events giving rise to the violation of Plaintiff's Equal Protection, Due Process, and Civil Rights began in a voting booth at PS3, located at 490 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014.
 - 2) The violation of Plaintiff's Equal Protection rights, Due Process, and Civil Rights is expected to continue on or about December 19, 2016, when the Electors will meet in their respective states and certify their votes with the respective Secretaries of State, or other election officials, named as Defendants in this cause. In the Electoral College process, Plaintiff's vote will receive disparate treatment compared to other similarly situated voters from other states.
 - 3) The violation of Plaintiff's Equal Protection, Due Process, and Civil Rights is expected to continue on or about December 28, 2016, when the votes of the Electors are to have been received by the Defendant, David Ferreiro, National Archivist, in Washington DC or at the mailing address of the National Archives, in College Park, Maryland. Plaintiff's vote will be abridged in this process, and in effect will have been erased from the 2016 Presidential Election, violating Plaintiff's rights under the Privileges and Immunities Clause and under the Civil Rights Act. Defendant Director Oliver Potts will coordinate with David Ferreiro in accepting and keeping safe the certified Electoral College votes, and is therefore named in this suit for his role in the Electoral College process.
- B. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?
 - 1) The events giving rise to the violation of Plaintiff's constitutionally-guaranteed rights of Equal Protection, Due Process, and Civil Rights began on November 8, 2016, at approximately 7:30 am, in the context of the United States Presidential Election.
 - 2) The meeting of the Electors in the several states expected to occur on or about December 19, 2016 poses an imminent threat to Plaintiff's Equal Protection rights as a class of one, in comparison to other similarly situated voters in other states.
 - 3) The delivery of the Electors' votes to the National Archivist expected to occur on or about December 28, 2016, poses an imminent threat to Plaintiff's Equal Protection rights as a class of one, in comparison to other similarly situated voters in other states. Other voters from other states will have a greater proportion of representation in the federal process of choosing the President ad Vice President, thus violating Plaintiff's rights under the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the 14th Amendment.
 - 4) The meeting of the Archivist and/or representatives from the Office of the Federal Register that is expected to occur on or about January 3, 2017 poses an imminent threat to Plaintiff's Equal Protection rights. By that point in the Electoral College process, Plaintiff's vote will have been abridged and effectively erased from the Federal Election process, also violating her Civil Rights.
- C. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?)

- 1) Plaintiff voted in the United States Presidential Election at her regular polling place, located at PS 3, at 490 Hudson Street; New York, NY 10014.
- 2) By November 9, 2016, news media informed the public that the Electoral College vote was expected to negate and abridge Plaintiff's vote when the Electors will meet on or about December 19, 2016.
- 3) The actions of the Defendants, separately and in combination through the process of the Electoral College pose imminent threat of violation of Plaintiff's rights under the Equal Protection Clause, the Privileges and Immunities Clause, the 5th Amendment right of Due Process, and the Civil Rights Act. Plaintiff's vote will be, for all intents and purposes, abridged and eliminated by the expected vote of the Electoral College which will take place on or about December 19, 2016.
- 4) A comparison of the impact of a single voter from other states reveals that, as a class of one, Plaintiff's equal protection rights are not the same as other similarly situated voters across the 50 states.
- 5) Defendants' actions, separately and in combination through the process of the Electoral College, place imminent risk of violation of Plaintiff's rights under the Privileges and Immunities Clause, in the disparate weight of her vote compared to the weight of a vote cast by someone from another state.

IV. Injuries

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive.

For a complete explanation of injuries, kindly read the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of the Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order.

COUNT I

VIOLATION OF EQUAL PROTECTION RIGHTS UNDER THE 14th AMENDMENT

As a registered voter in the State of New York, the Defendants' actions, separately and combined, deprive Plaintiff of "equal protection under the laws," in that, as a class of one, the value of Plaintiff's vote is held in different ratio to the Electors' votes than the votes of similarly situated voters in other states.

COUNT II

VIOLATION OF THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES CLAUSE OF THE 14th AMENDMENT

The Defendants, acting through the process of the Electoral College vote, violate Plaintiff's rights under the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the 14th Amendment by abridging Plaintiff's vote, rather than aggregating it with other similarly cast votes. In this case, the aggregation of votes from the 50 states is expected to be out of agreement with the total of the votes of the states' electors, causing Palintiff's vote to lose the privilege of recognition in states whose Electors are choosing to vote for a different candidate. When the Electors meet in their respective states and have their votes certified by the Defendant Secretaries of State in the 50 states, the result will be a violation of my rights under the 14th Amendment Privileges and Immunities Clause. By failing to aggregate the popular votes from each of the 50 states, the mechanisms of Defendants as they act separately and in combination through the process of the Electoral College denigrate the concept of federalism among the 50 states, creating differing levels of privileges and immunities according to where each voter lives. As a class of one, and as a voter from New York, my vote is not of value in any other state besides New York.

Just as a single dollar bill should be valued and respected from state-to-state, a single vote should be valued and respected from state-to-state. The Defendants, acting separately and in combination through the Electoral College, deprive me, as a voter, of privileges and immunities across state lines.

COUNT III

VIOLATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE DUE PROCESS CLAUSE

Because this matter is a claim for Equal Protection rights on a matter involving federal action, the Defendants' actions, separately and in combination through the process of the Electoral College, violate Plaintiff's Due Process rights under the 5th Amendment.

COUNT IV

VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, TITLE II, SECTION 201(a)

Voting is a public act, and voting booths are public places. Defendants, acting separately and in combination through the Electoral College process, abridge Plaintiff's vote according to place of residence, thus depriving Plaintiff of rights under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title II, Section 201(a).

V. Relief

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims.

For a complete explanation of the basis of these claims, kindly read the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order.

Plaintiff Paula Collins seeks Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, in the form of restraining Defendants, Secretaries of States and other state election officials, as they act through the Electoral College process on or before December 19, 2016, from certifying the vote of the respective Electors in any way that is inconsistent with the results of the nationwide popular vote as it was decided in the United States Presidential Election of 2016, held on or about November 8, 2016; and an order to require that the Defendants, Secretaries of States and other state election officials, acting separately and together, and in combination with the Defendant National Archivist, David Ferreiro and the Defendant Director of the Office of the Federal Register, Oliver Potts, to certify and present to Congress the results of the popular vote as it was decided in the United States Presidential Election of 2016, held on or about November 8, 2016.

VI. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

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